(a) whether it is a fact that nearly one million job seekers are on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Employment Exchange-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide employment to the job seekers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Employment Exchange-wise number of job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, on the Live Register of the Employment Exchanges in the State of Gujarat as on 31.09.1998 is given in the statement enclsoed (*See* below).

(c) The strategy of the Ninth Plan envisages adoption of technologies which are labour intensive which are simple, cost effective and easily adaptable in regions characterised by high rate of unemployment and under employment, improvement in the quality of employment with special thrust on productivity. Special employment schemes like IRDP, JRY, EAS and PMRY etc. are being implemented in the State. State Governments also implement their own employment schemes.

Statement

Number on Live Register as on 30.09.1998

	Name of Employment Exchanges	Number on Live Register
1.	Amreli	18303
2.	Ahmedabad (DEE)	139222
3.	Ahwadangs	3965
4.	Baroda (Clerical)	33539
5.	Baroda (Technical)	28817
6.	Baroda (PH)	1260
7.	Bhavnagar	30992
8.	Bharuch	34695
9.	Bhuj-Kutch	25209
10.	Chhotaudepur	13771
11.	Dhrampur	16605
12.	Dahod	19415
13.	Gandhinagar	26711
14.	Godhra	34942
15.	Himatnagar	44717
16.	Jamnagar	26667
17.	Junagadh	42290
18.	Mandvi	8134
19.	Mehsana	51962
20.	Nadiad	81506
21.	Palampur	37497
22.	Porbander	10943
23.	Rajkot	51180
24.	Rajpipala	8989
25.	Songadh	8712
26.	Surat	27451
27.	Surendranagar	29600
28.	Valsad	19148
29.	Khedbrahma	9292
30.	Patan	25904
	University Employment Information & Guidance Bureau (U.E.I.G.B.)	
31.	U.E.I.G.B. Ahmedabad	5306
32.	U.E.I.G.B. Baroda	2852
33.	U.E.I.G.B. Bhavnagar	2140
34.	U.E.I.G.B. Rajkot	4508
35.	U.E.I.G.B. Surat	3529
36.	U.E.I.G.B. V.V. Nagar	2910
37.	U.E.I.G.B. Patan	4340
	Total	937023

Employees Covered Under ESI Health Scheme

1618. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of employees covered under the ESI Health Scheme and the contribution deducted from the employees, category-wise during the last five years;

(b) whether Government have formulated any new plan to improve the general and sanitary conditions in the ESI dispensaries and increase in various services offered to patients;

(c) if so, the full details thereof; and

(d) the details of the ESI dispensaries located in North-Eastern Region, City-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The ESI Act, 1948 is applicable to non-seasonal factories using power and employing 10 or more persons and non-power using factories and certain other establishment employing 20 or more persons. The employees drawing wages up to Rs. 6500/- per month only are coverable under the Act. During 1993-94 to 31.12.1996 the rate of contribution recovered from the employees was 1.50% of the monthly wage. The rate of contribution from 1.1.97 onward has been fixed at 1.75% of the monthly wage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The ESIC has formulated an Action Plan so as to provide facilities of ultrasonograph, Cardiac monitor, auto analyser, resuscitation equipments, pulse-oxymeter, dental and blood bank units etc. in all the ESI hospitals. The Corporation has also decided to provide basic equipments to each ESI dispensary as one time measure.

(d) The requisite information is given in the Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Dispensaries
ASSAM STATE	
	Guwahati
1.	ESI Disp. Ujanbajar
2.	-do- Kalapahar
3.	-do- Nonnmati
4.	-do- Chandrapur
5.	-do- Narangi
6.	-do- Dispur
7.	-do- Jalkubari
8.	-do- Amingaon
9.	-do- Lokhra
II.	*Silghat*
10.	ESI Disp. Silghat
III.	*Charduar*
11.	ESI Disp. Charduar
12.	-do- Tejpur
IV.	*Nowgaon*
13.	ESI Disp. Nowgaon
14.	-do- Jagiroad
V.	*Dhubri*
15.	ESI Disp. Dhubri
16.	-do- Jogighop .
17.	-do- Bobgaigaon
VI	*Tinsukia*
18.	ESI Disp. Tinsukia
19.	-do- Makum
20.	-do- Margharita
21.	-do- Addl. Tinsukia
22.	-do- Ledo
VII	*Dibrugarh*
23.	ESI Disp. Dibrugarh
24.	-do- Joypur
VIII	*Jorhat*
25.	ESI Disp. Jorhat
26.	-do- Mariani
MEGHALAYA STATE	
1.	ESI Disp. Shillong.

Awareness against child labour

1619. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some campaign known as 'Mukti Caravan' has been launched in Bihar to create awareness against child labour in the State by the South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details there of with objectives achieved;